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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

ON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLE LEVER

FOR THE YEAR

1972

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLE LEVER
FOR THE YEAR 1972

To the Chairman and Members of the
Little Lever Urban District Council

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of the health and sanitary conditions of Little Lever, during the year ended 31st December, 1972.

Yet again it is pleasing to be able to claim that the general health of the inhabitants compares most favourably with the rest of the country. The birth rate persisted at over the national rate and the loss of infant life was minimal. There were 4 still-births and 4 infant deaths, producing a perinatal mortality rate of 24 compared with a national figure of 22.

There was a decrease of 14 births and an increase of 4 deaths compared with last year and the Registrar General's mid-year estimate of population showed an increase of 430 to a total of 9,630.

There were no maternal deaths.

Of the 80 deaths, 52 occurred in people aged 65 years and over and there was only 1 death in the age group between 5 years and 35 years. Half the deaths were due to cardiovascular illnesses of which one-third were coronaries; one-fifth died from cancer and one-fifth from respiratory disease.

No cases of food poisoning and 1 case of meningitis were reported in the year,. 3 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area in Acres.....808
Population - Census, 1961.....5,080
Population - Census, 1971.....9,250
Population - Registrar General's mid-year estimate.....9,630
No. of inhabited houses.....3,233
Rateable Value.....£259,164
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.....£2,591

Births

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	139	137	276
Illegitimate	5	1	6
	144	138	282

England
and
Wales

Live-birth rate (per 1,000 population) - crude 29.3, adjusted 19.3 14.8
Live-birth ratio of Local adjusted birth-rate to National birth-rate 1.31

Still Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	3	4

Still-birth rate (per 1,000 live and still-births) - 14

12.0

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<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	England and Wales
Deaths from all causes (see table).	48	32	80	591,907
Crude death rate	8.3 per 1,000 population			
Adjusted death rate	14.4	"	"	12.1
Ratio Level death rate to National rate	1.19			1.0

Infant deaths under 1 year	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	4	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	4	-	4

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	14.0	17.0
Neonatal mortality rate (under 4 weeks)	14.0	12.0
Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week)(Per 1,000 live-births)	24.0	22.0

Table of Causes of Death

Causes of Death	Male	Female
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast		1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		1
Leukaemia	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	2
Diabetes Mellitus		1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	
Hypertensive Disease	1	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11	4
Other forms of Heart Disease	1	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	6
Other diseases of Circulatory System	2	2
Pneumonia	5	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	
Congenital Anomalies	2	
Other causes of perinatal mortality	2	
Motor vehicle accidents	2	
All other accidents		1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	48	32

Infectious Diseases

Disease	Cases	Deaths
Measles	14	-
Respiratory Tuberculosis	3	-
Meningitis	1	-
Infective Jaundice	1	-

There were no cases notified of Diphtheria, Dysentery, Acute Pneumonia or Whooping Cough.

General Provision of Health Services for Area

Vaccination and Immunisation

This service is undertaken by the family doctor or the Local Health Authority in the Mytham Road Clinic.

Ambulance Service Lancashire County Council - Telephone SWINTON 4343

Social Services Department, Sun Alliance House, 63, Bradshawgate, Bolton. Telephone Bolton 32341.

Clinics (Lancashire County Council) Mytham Road

Ante-Natal.

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Measles.

Vaccination.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

School Health Service.

Venereal Disease: Civic Centre, Bolton.

Males: Monday - Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.

Females: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.

Health Visiting:

A Health Visitor is employed by the Lancashire County Council.

Home Nursing:

A District Nursing Service is maintained by the Lancashire County Council.

Hospitals

Bolton Royal Infirmary.

Bolton District General Hospital, Farnworth.

Laboratory Facilities:

Available at Bolton Hospitals and Public Health Laboratory Service, Withington Hospital.

Midwifery Service:

Midwives employed by Lancashire County Council.

Unmarried Mothers:

Provision for their care is made by Lancashire County Council, by agreement with the Council for Moral Welfare: Miss A. Rigby,
24 Acresfield,
BOLTON. Telephone BOLTON 28524

Voluntary Services:

As in previous years, the Old People's Voluntary Welfare Committee continued to integrate and co-ordinate voluntary activities in the field of old people's welfare most successfully.

Interest among the older citizens was stimulated by social events at the Civic Hall.

Christmas parcels to the over 80's and Meals-on-Wheels in particular, continue to be most invaluable and much appreciated.

Adoptive Acts in Force:

Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1890, Part 4.
Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1907, Parts 2 and 4.
Public Health Acts, 1925, Part 2 (Except Sections 22 and 25)
Private Street Works Act, 1892.

Sanitary Accommodation:

The types of sanitary accommodation, with the numbers of each type, at the end of 1972, were as follows:-

Waste Water Closets.....	Nil
Fresh Water Closets.....	3,442
Moveable Dustbins.....	4,012
Number of Houses Not on Water Carriage System.....	4

Public Health Inspections:

During the year 1972 1,342 premises were visited for all aspects of public health and this involved a total of 2,696 visits. As a result 72 nuisances were discovered and of these 65 were abated by the service of 14 informal notices; legal proceedings were not instituted in any cases.

A number of visits were made in connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme and 6 houses were demolished from previously confirmed Orders.

Food Premises:

There are now 21 shops in the district supplying General groceries and provisions; 4 supplying Greengroceries and fruit (including wet fish); 3 Meat Shops; 1 Bakers and Confectioner; 5 Fried Fish Shops and 10 Sweet Shops.

All have been visited by the Public Health Inspectorate and the general standards of improvement shown in recent years have been maintained. No exemption certificates have been issued in accordance with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1970.

There are no slaughterhouses or poultry processing premises within the Urban District.

Water:

The Water Undertaking responsible for supply in the area is the Bolton Corporation Water Board and supplies have remained constant throughout the year. A total of 117 new dwellings were supplied during 1972.

Water (Continued)

During the year 689 samples of raw water and 1,242 samples of treated water were submitted for bacteriological examination, together with 32 samples for chemical analysis.

All raw water was found to be satisfactory and 97.91% of the treated water samples were satisfactory. The fluoride content (natural) in the supply is 0.15 ppm.

The water supplies are all chlorinated and have no plumbo-solvent reaction. During 1972 182 metres of 50 mm pipe, 323 metres of 75mm pipe, 365 metres of 100mm pipe, 241 metres of 250mm pipe were laid to service new dwellings.

Sewage and Refuse Disposal:

All sewage from the Urban District is treated at the Ringley Fold Works of the Bolton and District Joint Sewerage Board of which the Council is a constituent member. The treatment is screening, sedimentation (Activated Sludge Process) and filtration, and the final effluent is highly satisfactory. 117 new houses were connected to the public sewers during 1972.

Domestic refuse continues to be collected weekly by the Council's vehicle, and this service is generally satisfactory.

All refuse is disposed of by incineration at the Bolton C.B.C. Incinerator.

Rodent Control:

The incidence of rodent complaints is small and all domestic premises are dealt with under contract with Rentokil Laboratories Limited, who are normally available within 24 hours of the receipt of a complaint and obviate the problems of illness and holiday among the Council's own staff. This system has continued to work satisfactorily and during the year 147 properties were inspected and 121 found to be infested and given treatment.

Sewer treatments using fluoracetamide are carried out twice annually by the same Company.

Atmospheric Pollution:

The Council are members of the S.E.L.N.E.C. Consultative Committee for Atmospheric Pollution and are actively interested in a general improvement of the atmosphere, but other matters such as slum clearance, have postponed action in implementing the Clean Air Acts, although various schemes carried out by the Council in recent years have resulted in a marked improvement of the local environment.

The Council's third smokeless zone involving 355 properties was declared during the year to bring over 2/3 of the area under control.

The 2nd and 3rd areas become effective on 1st October 1973.

Housing:

The development of the township continued during the year, 117 houses were built by private developers and the total number of Council owned properties is 910 made up as follows:-

Under 1919 Scheme	107
Under Housing Act, 1923.....	11
Under Housing Act, 1924.....	102

Housing (continued)

During Period 1936-1938	96
During Period 1947-1969	569
During Period 1970-1971	25

So that two-thirds of the Council houses are post-war and if the immediate pre-war period is considered, almost three-quarters are less than 40 years old.

A scheme for the building of a further 21 bungalows for aged persons was approved by the Committee and submitted to the Department of the Environment.

Warden Supervised Schemes:

The Council have two schemes for Aged Persons with Warden Supervision and have provided a third scheme of 24 self-contained flats also with Warden Supervision, which was completed during the year.

The general standard of housing in the district continues to improve and compares very favourably with adjoining districts. The older cottage-type properties in the area, which have outlived their useful life have been included in the current Clearance Programme, and all unfit houses will have been dealt with when this programme is completed early next year.

The balance of the older properties are in a somewhat better condition and many have a useful period of life left and with improvement, could be useful housing units for the rest of their existence.

During 1972 16 applications for Standard Grants were made to the Council and 17 (including one submitted late in 1971) were approved, and 10 for Improvement Grants were received, 7 of which were approved.

Town Planning:

The County Council have delegated powers to the Local Authority for the purpose of Town Planning. The closest co-operation exists between the Local Authority and the County Council in all matters relating to Town Planning.

In conclusion, may I be allowed to express my appreciation for the continued co-operation of my colleagues and to all Members of the Committee for their interest and understanding.

E. Taylor, M.B. Ch.B., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

PART I OF THE ACT

(14)1 - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers Premises).	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	31	Nil	Nil	Nil

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found
(if defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		Number of cases in which pros- ecutions were instituted. (6)
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.) Overcrowding (S.2) Unreasonable temperature (S.3) Inadequate ventilation (S.4) Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective. (c) Not separate for sexes. Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).			Nil		
TOTAL					

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1). (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing)Making apparel) etc.,	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
)Cleaning						
) and						
)Washing						
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						

PART VIII OF THE ACT

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Racquet and tennis balls						
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding etc., of buttons, etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stockings etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

